

Fort Totten Quartermaster's Storehouse
(Fort Totten Quartermaster's Warehouse)
Fort Totten State Historic Site
12 miles southwest of Devils Lake City
off Route 57
Devils Lake City
Benson County
North Dakota

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| STATE NORTH DAKOTA | COUNTY BENSON | TOWN OR VICINITY DEVILS LAKE VICINITY |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FORT TOTTEN QUARTERMASTER'S STOREHOUSE | | HABS NO. ND-12 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Quartermaster's Warehouse | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Fort Totten State Historic Site, 12 mi. SW of Devils Lake City off Route 57 | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1868 | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Contractors Smyth and Nash | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent, well-preserved example of a military post of the Indian War period in the trans-Mississippi West. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The walls are brick. A rubble foundation supports the building. The structural system consists of load-bearing brick masonry walls. | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in shape, this one-story building measure 101'-2 1/2" (nine-bay front) x 30'-7". | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The roof is gabled, covered with wooden shingles and surrounded by a simple wooden cornice painted grey. Originally there were parapet walls that extended above the roof. | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floor plans: The building is divided into two rooms, of which each enters into a platform overlooking the lower basement level. There are two open-well stairs, one in each room. The platform flooring is wood and the basement floor is concrete. The walls are plaster over masonry and the ceiling is wood. Large painted wooden columns support the building. | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES One chimney was added at the west end of the building at a later date. Originally there were none. All openings have been altered since the original construction, but each still contain original segmental brick arches. | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The over-all condition of the building is good. | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See Fort Totten State Historic Site, HABS No.-17, for additional report of the building. | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Data is based on HABS Architect's Work Sheet, written August 21, 1972. National Register listing. | | |
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